GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3852
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2005
OPTIMUM USE OF GODOWNS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India (FCI) has failed to make the optimum use of its godowns;

(b) if so, the number of godowns operating under the control of FCI at present alongwith their total storage capacity;

(c) the details regarding the quantum and value of foodgrains handled by FCI during the last 3 years, year-wise;

(d) the total quantum of foodgrains stored in the open by FCI; and

(e) the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The capacity utilization of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) godowns (owned and hired) is 59 %, as on 1st July, 2005.

(b): The FCI operates 1490 godowns (owned and hired) with a total storage capacity of 257.71 lakh MTs, as on 1st July, 2005.

(c): The year-wise details regarding the quantum and value of foodgrains handled by the FCI during the period 2001-02 to 2003-04 are given in the statement at Annex.

(d) & (e): As on 1st July, 2005, only a quantity of 5.91 lakh MTs of wheat/paddy, which was less than 4% of the total stock with the FCI, were stored in Covered and Plinth (CAP) storage, due to non-availability of suitable covered storage capacity.

ANNEX.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3852 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22.08.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

The year-wise details regarding the quantum and value of foodgrains handled by the FCI during the period 2001-02 to 2003-04 are as under:-

Qty. in lakh MTs
Value in Rs. crore.

Year	Total quantity of foodgrains handled	value
2001-02	1174.65	53,634.02
2002-03	1548.12	74,824.70
2003-04	1583.80	75,738.21

The Accounts for the year 2004-05 are not yet finalized.